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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 2 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Cyprus

Briefing by Mr. Alvaro de Soto, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Cyprus

Iraq (oil-for-food programme)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))* and resolution 17/I of the Commission on Human Settlements *(item 99 (b))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.17 *(item 100)*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57 and A/52/7/Add.2))

6.30 p.m.-9 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

9.30 p.m.-midnight	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57 and A/52/7/Add.2))

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 4 of the Statute)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

WORKING GROUP ON ELEMENTS OF CRIMES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PART 7 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

Organizational session

10 a.m.-1 p.m	232nd meeting	Conference Room 1

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

6 p.m.-6.30 p.m.	426th meeting	Conference Room 8

Review of a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.11)

[In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers are invited to send a request in writing to the Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (fax: (212) 963-7405).]

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft reports
2. Procurement-related arbitration
3. Demonstration of language-related computer equipment

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 39

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the General Assembly draft resolution on the "Code of Democratic Conduct" under agenda item 39 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies) *today*, 2 December 1999, at from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on agenda item 35

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on "Assistance in mine action" *today*, 2 December 1999, at approximately 4 p.m. (right after the informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)), in Conference Room 7.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing by H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Coordinator of the open-ended informal consultations of the General Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements (A/53/463), *today*, 2 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Coordinator will brief delegations on his report on these consultations which can be retrieved from the Web Site of the Iranian Mission at the following address: http://www.un.int/iran (Second Committee - Statements).

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations *today*, 2 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The informal consultations will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations. Further consultations will be held on Friday, 3 December 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 2 December 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77

(on the proposed outcome of the session on "Women 2000")

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(coordination meeting: on business and development (A/C.2/54/L.35); and on all other pending issues))

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E
6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Briefing

A briefing for non-governmental organizations, entitled "Accessibility for All for the Millennium", organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information (DPI), will take place *today*, 2 December 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2. The briefing will commemorate the International Day of Disabled Persons. Members of permanent missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshops

The first in a series of DPI/NGO Communications Workshops entitled "Funding Partnerships at the United Nations" and "Fundamentals of Grant Writing", organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information (DPI), will be held *today*, 2 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Speakers will include representatives of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations. Participation is by registration only. More information can be obtained on the United Nations Web site at the following address: www.un.org/MoreInfo/ngolink/dpingo.htm (or by calling (212) 963-7078 or 963-7709).

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 3 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 46th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3.30 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 7

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 162

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly) on Friday, 3 December 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 24

The Permanent Mission of Greece invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin", to be held on Friday, 3 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In view of the continuation of the work of the Second Committee, the meeting of the Economic and Social Council scheduled for Thursday, 9 December, has been postponed to Tuesday, 14 December. Accordingly, informal consultations by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), will be held on Friday, 10 December, and Monday, 13 December (conference room and time to be announced). The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1999/288 and Add.1)
2. International cooperation in tax matters (E/1999/84)
3. Programme of work for the Committee on Development Policy (E/1999/33)
4. Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/121)
5. Strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council as the central mechanism for the coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies (Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations)

6. Election of five members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

   Election of two members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

7. Other matters

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 2.

United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G on "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures" on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

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Special presentation

Th presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, scheduled for Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8, has been cancelled.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 1 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

68th plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [43]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/457, A/54/495)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.40, A/54/L.41)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 43.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Indonesia, Lebanon, Oman, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Republic of Korea, Argentina and Qatar.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/54/L.40 and L.41.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/54/L.40 (recorded vote) (resolution 54/37)	139	1	3
Draft resolution A/54/L.41 (recorded vote) (resolution 54/38)	92	2	53

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Argentina.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Lebanon and Israel.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Bolivia and Benin.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 43.

Question of Palestine [44]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/54/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/457)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.42, A/54/L.43, A/54/L.44, A/54/L.45)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 44.

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he orally corrected draft resolution A/54/L.45.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Israel.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/54/L.42, L.43, L.44 and L.45.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/54/L.42 (recorded vote) (resolution 54/39)	105	3	48
Draft resolution A/54/L.43 (recorded vote) (resolution 54/40)	107	3	47
Draft resolution A/54/L.44 (recorded vote) (resolution 54/41)	151	3	2
Draft resolution A/54/L.45, as orally corrected (recorded vote) (resolution 54/42)	149	3	2

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Mexico and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Burkina Faso.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 44.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that, on Thursday, 9 December, in the morning, in addition to the items already scheduled, it would also consider agenda item 54 (Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986), agenda item 55 (Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security), agenda item 56 (Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait), agenda item 57 (Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations) and agenda item 58 (Launching of global negotiation on international economic cooperation for development).

69th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 69th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/232).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 44th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.37 and L.56

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.56.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.56.

The representative of Lao People's Republic corrected the French text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.37 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(d) Science and technology for development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.4 and L.48

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.48.

The representative of France corrected the French version of the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.4 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 97 (d).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(c) Women in development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.21 and L.52

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced and revised draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.52.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.21 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of documents A/54/156-E/1999/102 and A/54/156/Add.1-E/1999/102/Add.1.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 (c).

(d) Human resources development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.10 and L.57

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.57.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.10 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 (d).

(e) International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.11 and L.53

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced and revised draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.53.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and the Philippines.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.11 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 (e).

Environment and sustainable development [100]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.7 and L.51

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.51.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.7 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.14 and L.58

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.58.

The representative of India corrected the text.

A statement was made by the representative of Canada.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.14 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision taking note of document A/54/131-E/1999/75.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100 (a).

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.15 and L.55

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.55.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.15 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100 (c).

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.18 and L.54

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.54.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.54.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.18 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100 (d).

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.23 and L.50

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.50.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of Canada informed the Committee that his delegation would have co-sponsored the draft resolution before it became a Vice-Chairman's text.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.23 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Operational activities for development [101]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.6 and L.49

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.49.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.6 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a decision taking note of documents A/54/39 and A/54/225.

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The Chairman informed the Committee that no proposals had been submitted under this sub-item.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 101 (a) and (b).

Report of the Economic and Social Council

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Committee, for its information, document A/54/520.

The representative of Algeria made a statement.

The Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination responded to questions raised.

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development

The Chairman informed the Committee that the delegation of the Slovak Republic would have abstained from voting on A/C.2/54/L.40, had they been present. Had the delegation of Ethiopia been present during the vote, his delegation would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

The Chairman informed the Committee that the delegation of Panama would have voted in favour of A/C.2/54/L.32, had they been present during the vote.

45th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [100]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.16 and L.61

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.61.

The representative of Zimbabwe amended the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.16 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

A statement was made by the representative of Zimbabwe.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.22 and L.59

The Chairman informed the Committee that the draft resolutions should be considered under agenda item 100, without reference to a sub-item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.59.

The representative of Benin corrected the French text.

The representative of the Russian Federation amended the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.22 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.60

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daul Matute (Peru), introduced the draft resolution.

The representative of Canada corrected the text.

A statement was made by the representative of Barbados.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100 (f).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 1999

52nd and 53rd meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee considered and adopted concluding observations on Argentina and Armenia in closed session.

Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant [8]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rigths to the Economic and Social Council [10]

The Committee discussed and adopted a part of its report.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to the Agreement establishing the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development, Islamabad, 21 July 1999

Acceptance: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (30 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 2 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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